

Betty bakes brownies for deploying troops

Catherine Caruso
Frontline Staff

Betty and Bob Haldeman do a lot of things in a big way. He was Operations NCO for Hunter Army Airfield. Now retired, he still puts on a uniform over his body armor every day, before the sun comes up, and goes back to work at the installation as a security guard.

He also decorates their home with lights — not for one, but for eleven major holidays.

And Betty? Betty bakes brownies. About 14,850 of them so far.

Operation Betty's Brownies

began in April, 2003 when Bob Haldeman discovered a National Guard unit, stranded at the airfield, without a working airplane.

"We wondered, what could we do for them. First, I thought I'd bake a cake. But a cake wouldn't go very far," Betty said.

So, Betty and Bob brought brownies.

Betty tucked a note with her phone number on it into the package, in case the troops needed anything else.

When she got home, the phone was ringing.

Instead of going to bed that night, Betty baked more brownies.

And then more and more brownies.

Now when Bob rises before the birds, Betty frequently wakes up alongside him and goes to work in her tiny kitchen, dominated by one big oven.

"The funny thing is, I went all out and got this convection oven, and turns out you can't bake with it on that," she said.

"We have friends on all these different flights. You do it for one, you have to do it for all. You can't discriminate," she said.

Betty's brownies have a secret. The mix comes from a box. Betty is generous, not crazy.

But there's another secret in her recipe, one secret she refuses to reveal.

"Until the war is over," she said.

Betty's recipe has been refined over almost two years of continuing deployments through Hunter Army Airfield.

She has a preferred brand, Pillsbury, and a preferred flavor, chocolate.

"Nothing with nuts, some people are very allergic to nuts and I don't want anyone to get sick," she said.

"And not toffee. I made toffee ones, once, and the smell made me sick."

What's no secret is the time she



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Betty Haldeman lifts one of the many fresh brownies that will be given to Soldiers who will soon be deploying from Hunter Army Airfield.



Spc. Ben Brody

Sgt. Troy Washington, retransmission operator, 3rd Sig. Co., lines up a shot at the Camp Patriot MWR day room.

MWR is a hit with deployed Soldiers

Facilities provide entertainment, recreation to Soldiers between missions, eases stress in Iraq

Spc. Ben Brody
2nd Brigade PAO

CAMP PATRIOT, Iraq — Soldiers with some free time at Camp Patriot have no excuse to be "barracks rats," thanks to people like Tony Aguilar, the Dallas native who is also known as Big Tony and Tony the Tiger.

He is the Morale, Welfare and Recreation program manager here, and his mission is to provide entertainment and recreation for Soldiers.

"Our team has built the MWR facilities here from scratch," Aguilar said. "The building we turned into a gym had two stories of trash and rubble around it."

The 24-hour MWR day room at Camp Patriot is bustling with activity on any given day, as Soldiers shoot pool, play cards and watch movies.

"It's a big plus to have these facilities here," said Master Sgt. Danny Thomas, battalion intelligence noncommissioned officer in charge,

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, . "After a hard day, you can blow off some steam at the gym. It's important to keep yourself conditioned and to keep yourself busy."

Thomas, of Dublin, Ga., can often be seen pumping iron in the gym on Patriot, dubbed "The House of Pain" after Maxim Magazine covered a power-lifting tournament there.

"No expense was spared setting up this gym — all the equipment is top-flight stuff," said Rich Miller, the gym's night manager. "There's no excuse for not getting a good workout in here."

Miller, a certified personal trainer from



Charlie Moore, senior engineering equipment operator, Forestry Branch, has been at Fort Stewart since 1960.

Moore is recognized for 49 years of service

Special to the Frontline
Shalonda Rountree

Honest, dependable, committed; a teacher, leader, friend... these are just a few words to describe a man worthy of being recognized and honored for 49 years of service.

Charlie Moore was born October 1936. He served in the Air Force from 1955-59.

He then started his career journey with Fort Stewart in 1960 as a laborer at an hourly rate of \$1.98.

Today, Moore is a senior engineering equipment operator for the Forestry Branch.

Tommy Hilliard, forestry branch chief, met Moore 18 years ago.

It is clearly evident of the type of relationship that they

Unsung heroes

Dental assistants recognized for service, commitment

Sgt. James Strine
Frontline Staff

A trip to the dentist, a trip to the desert: one in the same or one before another?

Whether you're in a combat zone or if you're pearly whites are just that, you have a dental assistant to thank during Dental Assistant Appreciation Week.

"Patients thank the doc," said Fort Stewart DENTAC Commander, Col. Thomas G. Horning, "but they don't always realize that it's also the dental assistant who makes it go so well."

DENTAC comprises 151 dental professionals throughout six dental clinics on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

"We need to recognize these folks- they're the unsung heroes," Horning said.

About 75 percent of the dental workforce is made up of government and contract dental assistants who fall into one of five categories: dental assistants, expanded functions dental assistants, DTAs, and two types of military dental assistants: 91Es and 91EX2s.

Together they fill the dental health and readiness needs of 21,000 customers assigned to Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, as well as roughly 4,500 National Guard Soldiers who mobilize through Fort Stewart a year.

"They're kind of like the Energizer Bunny, they just keep going," Horning said.

In addition to routine cleanings and fillings



Sgt. James Strine

Dental assistant Linda Coleman helps Dr. (Maj.) Robert Cronyn extract a tooth from a patient at Dental Clinic 1.

Use OneStop:

A webservice for duty station housing info, services

Sgt. 1st Class Tammy M. Jarrett
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Whether a Soldier is on permanent-change-of-station orders or considering a new assignment, getting a variety of information about his next duty station is only a click away.

The Army Housing OneStop Web site www.onestoparmy.com now has more than 2,200 family housing plans and 5,500 family housing photos from 96 Army installations for viewing, as well as a wide variety of links to popular sale and rental search sites, said Debbie McMullan, a housing program analyst for AHOS. "Deep links to the areas surrounding the installation are provided when possible to help customers who are not familiar with their new PCS location," she said.

AHOS has combined the best features of PCSHouse Express, live data from the Housing Operations Management System, Web pages from installation and Residential Communities Initiative Partner Web sites, and content from existing customer service kiosks to deliver a user-friendly format to Soldiers and their families with a world class system for obtaining housing information, said AHOS officials.

This is a tool created specifically to assist the Army family. It is the place everyone needs to start when looking for housing information and or services, said McMullan.

"Our goal is to make it much easier to find comprehensive army housing and related information from a single site for whatever location they are assigned to or are considering for assignment," John Nерger, director, Facilities and Housing, said.

McMullan said it doesn't matter if an installation is "privatizing" or not, the site is the place for Soldiers and family members to go no matter where they are headed.

See OneStop 2B

DoD seeking Red Ribbon Week award nominations

Zachary M. Gildin
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense is seeking nominations for two awards to be given out as a part of its annual Red Ribbon Week: The Secretary of Defense Community Drug Awareness Award and Fulcrum Shield.

The Secretary of Defense Community Drug Awareness Award is presented to drug demand reduction programs in each of the services, the National Guard, and the Defense agencies.

“In 1990, the Department of Defense began an award program to encourage service members to become involved in keeping communities drug-free and to recognize outstanding outreach programs,” said Mary Beth Long, deputy assistant secretary of Defense for counternarcotics.

The Fulcrum Shield Award, which was first presented in 2001, is given to a youth organization in each of the Services, National Guard, and the

Defense agencies that best promotes the anti-drug message in its community.

“The Secretary of Defense Fulcrum Shield Award was named in honor of the five military personnel from Fort Bliss, Texas, who were killed in an airplane crash in 1999 while on a counter-drug reconnaissance mission,” Long said.

Nominations for both awards are to be submitted to the secretary of the Army or chief of the National Guard Bureau, who will then forward the nominations to the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counternarcotics by Jun. 1.

The awards will be given out on Oct. 24, as a part of Red Ribbon week, which is dedicated to anti-drug education and drug abuse awareness.

“The focus is to educate individuals, families, and communities on the destructive effects of drugs and the positive alternative life choices that are available,” Long said.

Red Ribbon week first started in 1985 as a tribute to Special Agent Enrique

“Kiki” S. Camarena. Camarena, of the Drug Enforcement Administration, was kidnapped and killed by drug traffickers in Guadalajara, Mexico.

As a tribute to Camarena and his sacrifice, family and friends wore red ribbons.

Then in 1988 the National Family Partnership took the Red Ribbon message nationwide as a symbol of anti-drug use.

Two years later the Department of Defense backed this message of lowering drug use in communities and within the Department of Defense.

“It is important to recognize groups that help spread the anti-drug message as their efforts contribute to our efforts to ensure that DoD community members make educated decisions about the risks involved with drug use,” Long said.

“These groups encourage people to lead healthy, drug-free lifestyles. Drug use impairs judgment and military readiness,” Long added.



Members of the Wisconsin National Guard receive the Secretary of Defense Community Drug Awareness Award during last year's Red Ribbon Week. The Department of Defense is currently seeking nominations for this year's Red Ribbon Week.

Zachary M. Gildin



Sgt. James Strine

Dental assistant Faye Mitcham opens a blade for Dr. Roberto Torres' use on a patient at Clinic 1 on Fort Stewart.

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for deploying Soldiers, a new policy mandated wisdom teeth be removed to avoid dental problems in theater.

Since the first wave of Operation Iraqi Freedom, dental health has risen to a high priority among deployment readiness concerns. Wisdom teeth that bothered Soldiers were number one on the list, according to DENTAC officials.

Even with the additional duties, the DENTAC staff has maintained a readiness rate of 98.7 percent.

“Each iteration seems like there’s more and more work to do on these folks,” Horning said of the dental work needed for deploying Soldiers.

Between January 2004 and January 2005, Fort Stewart dental professionals have treated over 76,000 patients totaling nearly 258,000 operations in all.

The staff receives help from activated Army Reservists usually during mobilization efforts, but it is only temporary and usually only a few dentists. In the end, it’s the dedicated dental assistant staff whose efforts continually pay off. Horning said he feels the assistants do it out of patriotism and that their work ethic is volunteer-like.

“They are the glue that keeps everything together and keeps things running,” he added.

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“AHOS includes a standard of housing-related topics that include a wealth of information for each and every installation, privatized or not,” she said. “RCI partner Web content is integrated when available to replace older installation Web pages for housing.”

As a new customer-service initiative, a OneStop kiosk has been installed in the Pentagon Joint Military Assistance Center.

The kiosk leverages the investment made in the Army Housing OneStop Web site by providing convenient and secure access to a Washington, D.C. version of AHOS content for customers who do not have readily available access to the Internet, said Terri McClelland of DynaTouch.

The kiosk content also includes worldwide Army Housing and Navy Housing OneStop content, as well as access to selected Air Force and Marine Corps sites.

Other updates to the site, since its existence in October 2003, include “Virtual Reality Tours” for featured family housing, online housing applications for installations that accept them, and more specific local area information like schools, churches, and spouse employment opportunities.

“If what you need isn’t there, send an email to the AHOS Web master and appropriate action will be taken, McMullan said. HQ (Headquarters) Army Housing is committed to providing a top quality, standard level of customer service to each and every Soldier, no matter what installation.”

McMullan went on to say the Army Housing OneStop Web page received close to 2 million visits from 600,771 visitors in 2004.

Floor plans, photos, policies and other frequently asked questions for unaccompanied personnel housing are scheduled to be added to the site in the near future which will provide a full array of information.

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have developed throughout the years.

Hilliard and anyone else who have had the honor of knowing Moore can speak extensively about what makes him so unique and unforgettable.

However, they all agree that his most impressive attribute is his positive attitude.

Hilliard said that no one has ever heard Moore swear, and that he is dependable, and always available whenever he is called upon.

“Moore is the type of man that I hope to become when I grow up,” Hilliard said.

“Charlie” as he is often called, works eight-hour days in forestry road maintenance and prescribed burning.

In addition, he is a firefighter, and can direct anyone in and around Stewart. In his spare time, he enjoys gardening.

“It is not that Moore cannot afford to retire, but Forestry cannot afford to lose

him,” said Wesley King, a fellow employee.

Moore is in excellent physical condition, better than that of a lot of younger men performing the same job, King went on to elaborate.

King added, “His secret is eating right, and all the years of manual labor that have since been replaced with advanced technology.”

He broke his leg in 2004 and was back on the job in only 4 months, affirmation of his remarkable condition and his commitment to his job.

Mike Todd, forestry branch, sums it all up when he said, “If everyone was like Charlie, the world would be a better place.”

DPW Environmental along with Forestry Branch would like to thank you, Charlie Moore, for the contributions, sacrifices, and devotion you have made.

We look forward to sharing many more years with you.

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Columbus, Ga., said he is happy to give tips and answer Soldiers’ questions in the weight room.

MWR facilities at Patriot also boast video games, a competition-sized swimming pool and a sauna.

“Using the facilities we built, we’ve hosted weight competitions, a basketball tournament, water volleyball and we’ve broadcast Army and Navy games from our satellite dish,” Aguilar said. “Any day, rain or shine — we can put something together for the troops.”

Soldiers coming from Camp Hope or Rustamaya on a night convoy are also welcome to use Patriot’s swimming pool, Aguilar added.

“It’s fine to swim in PTs or a bathing suit if you have one,” he said.

For Soldiers in transit, there is also backup barracks, with cots, latrines and showers by the day room. Soldiers use the MWR facilities regularly, although there are not generally long waits to use equipment, said Aguilar.

“It’s a big morale booster,” said Spc. Jeremiah Looney, HHB, 1/9 FA. “When I come off patrols, I can come here, relax and unwind — it’s a great thing to have.”

Future plans include getting the basketball court resurfaced, setting up a tennis court, an internet café, and opening the theater.

Brownies — from Page 1B

takes and the care she packs in every box (120 brownies, or three pans of forty) of her brownies.

Betty’s brownies never burn. She has a system. She puts a pan in the oven, places one on the rack to cool, and starts mixing her next bowl of batter, by hand. She trims the “white stuff” off each egg after she breaks it. She oils each pan, until her hand skims over the top “like it’s water.” She clips a UPC code off each box and saves them in a sandwich bag, a record of all the brownies she has baked.

She cools them beside a small electric pan (set low-to-high; still warm flakes of chocolate crust will peel back from the warm, gooey insides).

Two boxes of mix equal one pan. One pan yields forty brownies. One hundred and twenty brownies equal one box, carefully wrapped in a cardboard crate with non-stick foil and plastic wrap.

Betty’s brownies travel with every unit leaving Hunter Army Airfield, inside stomachs or tucked in rucksacks.

When the 3rd Infantry Division deployed to Iraq in January, Betty spent up to ten hours a day in her tiny kitchen, baking brownies in her big convection oven.

As the 12,500 reservists trained at Fort Stewart a year ago return from Afghanistan and Iraq, she’ll keep baking until they are all home.

What she won’t do is taste them. Bob eats brownies. But not Betty.

“I can’t even smell them, I’ve made so many. And I’ve never liked them,” she said.



Catherine Caruso

Betty Halderman opens her oven to check the brownies that will be given to Soldiers before they depart to Iraq from Hunter Army Airfield.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The Covenant and Code of Ethics

Chaplain 1st Lt. Aliner J. Harris
26th FSB Chaplain

What is a covenant and code of ethics? First, we must define a covenant.

In Scripture, God made promises or covenants with humanity. For example, God made a covenant with Noah (Gen 6.18). God announced to Noah that he would establish his covenant with him. I believe that covenant is a agreement someone makes with God.

In like manner, the covenant a Chaplain makes with the Army is a very important promise. It is good the Army has the covenant because it keeps the Chaplain accountable — to be a spiritual minister and support other faith groups.

I have a desire to serve God and love him with all my heart and to love one another. I will support all of my colleagues. I will work together with my colleagues in faithful ministry for all Soldiers and the staff.

What are ethics? Ethics is the right conduct and practice of moral principles. Christian life begins with justification by faith which blossoms into character that is rich in ethical excellence. My faith supports this desire to live a moral life before others. The Army encourages this practice.

I believe that soldiers of my same faith group want to hear that God speaks to them where they are right now. Especially in the worship service, because worship is the central act that defines us as the Body of Christ. Worship is the direct expression of our ultimate purpose, which is glorifying God and enjoying him forever. I look forward to ministering to my own faith group.

I am currently struggling with some of the particular worship services of other faith groups. However, I understand that if I am called to minister to other faith groups, I will draw upon those beliefs that we have in common. I must respect the beliefs and traditions of

my colleagues. I recognize that my obligation is to provide religious support for all members of the military services and their families. I will accept responsibility for my colleagues to exercise their religious beliefs effectively.

Duty requires each of us to accept responsibility not only for our own actions, but also for the actions of those entrusted to our care. I also believe that duty is a commitment to the highest standards.

The duty of which we speak means doing the right thing and taking responsibility for our actions. I believe that honesty, uprightness, and the avoidance of deception are standards of good behavior.

I made a promise to the Army to serve my country with loyalty, duty, selfless service and integrity. My desire is that I will live by the standards of an Army Chaplain and strengthen myself to face the mission ahead.

What is best for the Army comes before my personal interests. My desire is to become selfless individual.

I believe that selfless service leads to teamwork where motives of self-gain are subordinate to the collective good of those whom we are serving.

I will be a thread through the fabric of the professional Army ethic and I will support my faith group and the Army and defend the Constitution of the United States.

This covenant is unconditional. It is the condition upon which grace is bestowed. In fact, it is the obligation for all the chaplains.

My loyalty to the Army, and to the unit, is essential.

Loyalty to the Army means supporting the military and civilian chain of command. This demands total adherence to the spirit and letter of lawful orders.

My loyalty to the unit is an expression of the obligation between those who lead, those who are leading, and those who serve alongside every Soldier.

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Heritage	9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Heritage	5 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.

Protestant		
Sunday Protestant Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
Sunday School	Diamond Elementary	9:30 a.m.
Kids' Church(K to 6th grade)	Across from Dia. Elem.	11:00 a.m.

American Samoan		
Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.

Muslim		
Friday Jum'ah	Building 610	12:30 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Building 610	9 a.m.

Lutheran		
Sunday Worship	Marne	9 a.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Protestant		
Protestant Sunday School	Religious Education Center	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service	Chapel	11 a.m.

Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	9:30 a.m.
CCD	Religious Education Center	11 a.m.

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Sustainable Fort Stewart/HAAF

Volunteer Spotlight

Michele Curry



Michele Curry, a native of Greenville, Miss., is a Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital.

Curry volunteers at Soldier Family Health Clinic #3.

"I volunteer to better myself with people, to help where help is needed and to make a difference at Winn Army Community Hospital," Curry said.

In her free time, she enjoys working with children.

She and her husband Ross have three children, 14-year-old Norris, 10-year-old Ross and 6-year-old Deja.

If you would like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903 or send an email to Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil.



Dorothy Harrell, wife of deployed Sgt. First Class Marc Harrell, 3/7 Infantry, picks up her day-of-relaxation basket she won during the silent auction at Club Stewart Feb. 18.



Baskets ranged in price from around \$50 to \$550, depending on the contents and the theme. Two auctions were held. The more expensive baskets were bid on during a live auction, while others were bid on through a silent auction.

Officer Spouses' Club holds basket auction

Sgt. James Strine
Frontline Staff

Fort Stewart's Officer Spouses Club hosted a basket auction for the public to benefit OSC Scholarship Fund at Club Stewart Feb. 18.

The OSC Scholarship Fund has helped military families for years by providing college tuition money for Department of Defense dependents.

Local businesses, unit family readiness groups and coffee groups donated each basket, all with a unique theme from coffee to movies.

Savannah's Z102 radio DJs Senea and Matt Black were on hand to help with the live auction.

The most expensive basket, a lawn care package, valued at \$580 fetched the highest bid of the evening going for \$350. 1st Battalion donated the lawn care basket.



Radio station Z102 disk jockies Senea (right) and Matt Black were on hand to help with the live auction while members of the Officer Spouses' Club modeled the wares.

Marne TV

February 2005 Schedule

Marne TV can be found on Comcast Cable Channel 16 every weekday.

Tune in to the Marne Report six times a day for the latest from Stewart and Hunter.

5 a.m.	Army Newswatch
5:30 a.m.	MARNE REPORT
6:30 a.m.	Air Force News
7 a.m.	Navy News
7:30 a.m.	Army Newswatch
8 a.m.	MARNE REPORT
9 a.m.	Air Force News
9:30 a.m.	Navy News
11:30 a.m.	Army Newswatch
Noon	MARNE REPORT
1 p.m.	Air Force News
4:30 p.m.	Navy News
5 p.m.	MARNE REPORT
6 p.m.	Army Newswatch
6:30 p.m.	Air Force News
7 p.m.	Navy News
10 p.m.	MARNE REPORT
11 p.m.	Army Newswatch
Midnight	MARNE REPORT



Pet of the Week

Bensen, a three-year-old male tiger cat is friendly and curious and is ready to adopt today. He is playful and would make a good companion to any family.

If you are interested in adopting a pet like Bensen for your home, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.

The clinic is located on W. Bultman Ave., Hinesville, Ga.

Bensen is lovable, playful and waiting to be adopted.

Birth Announcements

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

Feb. 9

• Da’Ron Micah Franks

a boy, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Mr. Aaron M. Franks and Sgt. Shinique A. Smalls.

Feb. 15

• Kamryn K. Leonard

a girl, 7 pounds, born to Pfc. Robert Leonard and Lacey Leonard.

• Sunny Ray Goff

a boy, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Eric Goff and Arica Goff.

• Tadhg Locklin Kelly

a boy, 9 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Sgt. Timothy Kelly and Linda Kelly.

Feb. 16

• Jade Graciella Morales

a girl, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. Juan Morales and Judy Morales.

• Riley Elizabeth Lenzmeier

a girl, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Spc. Justin D. Lenzmeier and Rebecca Lenzmeier.

Feb. 19

• Ronald Joshua Christensen

a boy, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Spc. Alvin Christensen and Rebecca Christensen.

Feb. 20

• Osiris Gabriel Nowlin

a boy, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Mr. Samuel Lee Nowlin and Capt. Carmin Nicole Nowlin.

Feb. 22

• De’Zariaha Janeah

Mckenzie Mobley

a girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Petty Officer 3 (Navy) Denarius J. Mobley and Monica M. Cray-Mobley.

Feb. 23

• Nadiya Danielle Edwards

a girl, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Sgt. Torrence Edwards and April Edwards.

• Caleb Austin Brewer

a boy, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Spc. Beau Brewer and Sarah Brewer.

WOODRUFF THEATER

Mar. 3 - Mar. 9

Assault on Precinct 13

Ethan Hawke, Laurence Fishburne

Tonight — 7 p.m.

A notorious cop-killer and mobster Marion Bishop is unexpectedly brought into a Detroit precinct during a blizzard on New Year's Eve. By nightfall, the remaining cops and prisoners find themselves fighting for their lives against a group of rogue cops intent on taking down Bishop before he testifies against them in the courtroom. Now it's up to the officers and inmates on the inside to band together just to survive this one night.

R (strong violence and language and some drug content) 109 min.

Hide and Seek

Reobert DeNiro, Dakota Fanning

Fri., Sat., Sun. — 7 p.m.

As a widower tries to piece together his life in the wake of his wife's suicide, he discovers that his young daughter is coping with the death in a strange and scary manner. His daughter, Emily, finds solace by creating a creepy, maniacal imaginary friend with a terrifying vendetta. Imaginary friends can seem so real...

R (frightening sequences and violence) 101 minutes

Alone in the Dark

Christian Slater, Tara Reid

Mon., Tues., — 7 p.m.

A supernatural detective named Carnby travels to Shadow Island to solve the mystery of a friend's death. While there, he discovers the secrets of the Abskani, an ancient tribe that worshiped demonic forces which gave them incredible powers. Carnby's findings suggest that the Abskani are poised to return to take over the world. With the help from his former girlfriend, an archeologist who has the knowledge to stop the demons, Carnby must now fight against their attempts to take over his mind as well as their attempts to conquer the Earth.

R (violence and language) 96 min.

Monday through Thursday admission is \$1.75 for adults, \$1.25 for children.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$1.75 for children.



Photos by Elizabeth Davie

Army Spc. James Villa of Fort Lewis, Wash., outpointed Air Force Senior Airman Richard Mora 59 — 48 at the Armed Forces boxing championship Feb. 18 at Fort Huachuca Ariz.

U.S. Army knocks out competition at Armed Forces boxing championships

Tanja Linton
Army News Service

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. — Army boxers unleashed a hail storm of blows to once again take the 2005 Armed Forces Boxing Championship title Feb. 19 at Fort Huachuca’s Barnes Field House.

The Marines took second, followed by the Air Force and Navy.

"This has been a very special year for me. This team has a special place in my heart because most of the boxers are inexperienced," said Army head coach Basheer Abdullah. "Nationals will be a learning process for us and we'll be working on (the next match)," he added.

All four services had inexperienced teams and brought fresh faces to this year's Armed Forces Championships.

New Army boxer, John Franklin is the first Army National Guard member to earn an Armed Forces gold medal.

"This means a lot to me," said Franklin, who originally hails from Company B, 110th Engineers in Kansas City, Mo. "My unit believed in me to represent the Guard."

He now looks forward to making it in the top three at Nationals and earning a spot on the CISM team.

Another fresh face on the Army team, Spc. James Villa of Fort Lewis, Wash., could barely contain his excitement about winning. "Wow! I'm dumbfounded," Villa said. "My unit supported me throughout the trial camp," he said.

His next goal is making it into the Army's world-class athlete program.

Marine Corps Cpl. Eric Canales showed off what made him a 2004 CISM medalist and was one of two boxers to defeat his Army opponent. The other boxer to do so was Lance Cpl. Jackie Saye who stunned the crowd when he knocked down Pfc. Corey Stewart despite having received two standing eight-counts.

The Air Force didn't do as well as they would have liked, but Air Force head coach Edward Rivas is already looking forward to building on the experience.

"We have a small team, somewhat inexperienced. I'm very proud of all of them," said Rivas. "We'll be back next year."



Army Staff Sgt. Christopher Downs of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, defeated Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Deano Jenkins 46 seconds into the second round at the championships.

The lone Navy boxer of the night, Petty Officer 2nd Class Deano Jenkins, was visibly upset when his attempt to make a mark for his service was stopped by Army Staff Sgt. Christopher Downs early in the second round.

Military boxers will now prepare to make their mark at the Nationals March 12-19 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The CISM World Military Boxing Championships will be held June 29 - July 5 in Pretoria, South Africa.

Armed Forces Boxing Championship results:

WOMEN

114 lbs.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Natosha Eyer, Camp Lejeune, N.C., outpointed Air Force Senior Airman Celsa Reyes, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., 43-34.

119 lbs.

Army Sgt. Lavelle Viridiana, Fort Meyer, Va., stopped Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Laura Barrow, Marine Base 29 Palms, Calif., 1:13 in round three.

125 lbs.

Army Spc. Christina Boilard, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., outpointed Marine Corps Cpl. Abigail Chavez, 3rd Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan, 43-30.

138 lbs.

Army Staff Sgt. Lilia Maxilom, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., unopposed.

165 lbs.

Spc. Christina Brown, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., unopposed.

MEN

106 lbs.

Marine Corps Sgt. Roberto Castillo, Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., unopposed.

119 lbs.

Army Spc. John Franklin, Fort Carson, Colo., outpointed Marine Corps Sgt. Frankie, Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., 30-21.

125 lbs.

Air Force Senior Airman Carlos Casasola, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., unopposed.

132 lbs.

Army Spc. James Villa, Fort Lewis, Wash., outpointed Air Force Senior Airman Richard Mora, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., 59-48.

141 lbs.

Marine Corps Cpl. Eric Canales, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., stopped Army Spc. David Gallegos, 1:05 round three.

152 lbs.

Army 1st Lt. Boyd Melson, Fort Carson, Colo., outpointed Marine Corps Cpl. Evan Bakal, Camp Lejeune, N.C., 43-30

165 lbs.

Army Spc. Quentin McCoy, Fort Carson, Colo., outpointed Marine Corps Cpl. Wilfrido Gonzalez, Camp Lejeune, N.C., 25-17.

178 lbs.

Army Staff Sgt. Christopher Downs, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, stopped Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Deano Jenkins, Fallon Naval Air Station, Nev., 0:46 in round two.

201 lbs.

Army Sgt. Joe Guzman, Fort Carson, Colo., stopped Marine Cpl. Lucas Hoague, Camp Lejeune, N.C., 0:51 in round three

201+ lbs.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jackie Saye, Camp Lejeune, N.C., stopped Army Pfc. Corey Stewart, Fort Carson, Colo., 0:51 in round four.

AASU defeats Columbus State 79 to 70 in final season game

Special to the Frontline
AASU sports

Columbus State watched a 15-point second-half lead vanish in less than six minutes here Saturday and went on to fall to Armstrong Atlantic State 79-70 in the Peach Belt Conference regular-season finale for both schools.

CSU needed a win to secure the second seed from the PBC South Division and a first-round bye in the upcoming PBC Tournament, but failed and now must wait to see if they get help from GC & SU against Clayton State.

The Pirates (14-13, 6-10) out-scored CSU 14-5 in the game's first seven minutes but saw their lead disappear as the CSU shooters began to heat up.

CSU trailed 16-8 with 11:53 left in the first half before awakening to go on a 17-3 run to take a 25-19 lead with 7:40 left. Yandel Brown hit a trio of three-pointers during the run and scored 12 of the 17 points.

The run would become an overall 27-10 run to close the half as the Cougars took a 35-26 lead into the break. Brown tallied 23 points in the half to set new school and PBC records for points scored in a single season.

CSU (18-8, 11-5) allowed the Pirates to get to within four points on two occasions in the first three minutes of the second half, but then began to pull away.

Kendrick Jones capped a 10-2 run with a triple and CSU held a 56-41 lead with 11:15 to play. That would be the last time CSU would score for for almost four minutes.

AASU, led by Bryan Taylor and Lorenzo Lawrence went on a 15-0 run to tie the game at 56 with 7:22 left. Lawrence capped the tying run with a trey. The Pirates took the lead on a Jamaal Galloway three-ball with 5:37 left and would keep it for almost three minutes, extending the margin to 65-60 with 3:59 left.

CSU got a Jack Tinkler trey to re-take the lead with 2:23 left, but Lawrence answered with a triple of his own to give AASU the lead for good with 1:51 left.

Lawrence came off the bench to score a game-high 29 points on 8-20 shooting for the Pirates. He went 10-10 at the line and the team went 21-23 as a whole in taking the win. Alex Carter added 15 points, while Taylor tallied 14 to go with 10 rebounds.

U.S. Paralympics holds wheelchair therapy clinic for wounded Soldiers

Michael E. Dukes
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Sounds of clashing sabers and foils echoed in Walter Reed Army Medical Center's Wagner Sports Center Feb. 17 during a unique therapy clinic for service members recovering from war wounds here.

A clinic — sponsored by the U.S. Paralympics and with cooperation from Walter Reed's Moral, Welfare and Recreation office, and Occupational Therapy Clinic — introduced wheelchair fencing to Walter Reed patients.

Most of the patients were at a loss for words when they first walked into the gym and saw two champion Paralympic fencers, Mario Rodriguez and Gary Vanderwege, feverishly thrusting and parrying foils and epees back and forth while sitting in wheelchairs.

The fencers sat in low-back sports wheelchairs that offered maximum maneuverability and stability. The chairs were clamped into a special floor bracket to hold them in place at just over an extended foil length apart.

While gripping a rail across the back of the chair, the fencers bucked the chairs back and forth,

leaning into and away from attacks against their opponent. In a matter of split seconds, attacks and counterattacks were waged. Sometimes the defending parry would spare a fencer by mere fractions of an inch.

While dueling with foils or epees, fencers must successfully touch their opponent with the tip of their weapons to register a hit. When armed with sabers, a successful slash on an opponent's target area is all that is needed.

An electronic signal box lights up when a successful hit is registered, but many times, opposing hits are so close together that a judge will call the first hit and award a point to the appropriate person.

When asked if they would try the sport during the clinic, most of patients answered quickly, "No." Whether they weren't confident they could do it or were still perplexed with the possibilities, they seemed reluctant to "step up" and try it.

Having been in their position, Vanderwege wasn't about to take no for an answer. He seemed to believe the Soldiers were up to the task and that they would enjoy the experience.

Despite saying earlier that he didn't think fencing was for him, Sgt. 1st Class Denis Viau, a



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Paralympics fencers Mario Rodriguez and Gary VanDerWege demonstrate the intensity of wheelchair fencing at Walter Reed Army Medical Center Feb. 17.

Soldier wounded in Iraq, allowed Vanderwege to help him don a protective fencing coat. He then wheeled over to the sparring area, hopped into one of the fencing wheelchairs, and put on a facemask. James C. Murray handed him a weapon and instructed him on the basics.

"The sport is good for a person new to the chair because the participants are stationary," said Murray, a fencing coach for the U.S. Paralympic team and the Johns Hopkins University Women's Fencing Team.

"The thrust, parry and feign are similar to Army tactics," he added.

After several minutes of clumsily attacking and dodging his opponent, Viau began to get the hang of it and started scoring points against him. When the bout was over and he removed his facemask, Viau had a look of renewed confidence and a slight smile on his face.

"I thought it was good — interesting — and something else other amps or disabled people can do," Viau said, though he admitted the sport wasn't for him.

He said that he wants to return to his duty station at Fort Lewis, Wash., where he hopes to continue serving in 1st Striker Brigade.